GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR and RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in execution of the CC roads and Drains in Etcherla (M) and Ranastalam (M) taken up under MGNREGS programme for the financial year 2012-13 – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri B.Durga Prasad, Assistant Engineer, V&QC Division, Vijayawada (now retd.) – Charges partly proved in the regular enquiry - Provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (2) years under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Show-cause notice – Individual expired on 04.08.2020 due to Covid 19 – Further action abated in all respects –Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 46 Dated: 04-02-2021
Read the following:-

1. Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report No.58 (C.No.481-4/V&E/E2/20132), Dt.25.07.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.Nos.536 & 537, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt.31.05.2016.
3. From Sri B.Durga Prasad, AE, PIU, Vijayawada, WSD, 16.08.16.
4. G.O.Rt.No.38, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt.21.01.2019.
5. From Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vizianagaram Dist., Lr.Rc.No.32/2019/A1, Dt.13.06.2019.
6. Govt.Memo.No.14449/Vig.I/2015, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt.31.12.2019.
7. From ENC, PR, AP, Lr.No.Vig.I(1)/3360/2015, Dt.11.02.2020.
8. Govt.Memo No. 14449/Vig. I/2015, PR&RD (Vig. I) Dept., Dt: 09.07.2020.
9. From the ENC,PR, Letter No.Vig. I(1)./3360//2015, dt: 19.10.2020.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, Government have initiated common disciplinary proceedings duly framing the following article of charges against Sri B.Durga Prasad, Assistant Engineer, V&QC Division, Vijayawada (now retd) in respect of allegations of irregularities in the following works at Etcherla (M) & Ranastalam (M) of Srikakulam District taken up under MGNREGS programme for the financial year 2012-13, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence.

Charge:

That Sri B.Durga Prasad, Assistant Engineer, V&QC Division, Vijayawada has involved in allegations of irregularities in

execution of the following two works and loss caused to Government funds to a tune of Rs.12,20,703/-.

Work No-2: Construction of internal roads and drains in SC/ST Localities Chilakapalem of Etcherla (M)

Work No-3: Construction of CC road and drains in HW to Muktumpuram of Ranastalam (M).

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer Sri B.Durga Prasad, Assistant Engineer, V&QC Division, Vijayawada (now retd) has submitted his written statement of defence. As the same is not convincing, Government have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, Government appointed the Superintendent Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vizianagaram District as the Inquiring Authority to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer Sri B.Durga Prasad, Assistant Engineer, V&QC Division, Vijayawada (retd) including against nine (9) other co-charged officers involved in the case.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report dt:13.06.2019, wherein the Inquiry Officer, among others, has held that charges are partially proved against the charged officer Sri B.Durga Prasad, Assistant Engineer (retd).

4. In the reference 6th read above, Government, among others, have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer Sri B.Durga Prasad, Assistant Engineer (Retd.) for his representation if any on the findings of the Inquiry Officer. Through the reference 7th read above, the representation of the charged officer has been received, wherein the charged office has stated that the Inquiry Officer given findings holding that charge is held proved in respect of work No.2 above in terms of deficiency in thickness of CC pavement. But the deficiency is less than 10 percent and the recovery was made good. In respect of Work No.3, the C.O has stated that, the CC pavement in thickness was re-laid with permission of higher authorities at the expense of executing agency and after relaying the CC pavement is ranging from 180 to 190 mm and hence there is no loss. He has requested to reconsider the above matter and drop further action against him by taking a lenient view since all his pensionary benefits are pending due to the above case.

5. In the reference 8th read above, Government have examined the representation and rejected as it was found as not convincing and also communicated provisional decision to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (2) years against the Charged Officer Sri B.Durga Prasad, Assistant Engineer (retd) under Rule 9 of A.P Revised Pension Rules, 1980, with a direction to the charged officer to submit his representation if any in the matter.

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6. In the reference 9th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada has furnished report duly stating that the Sri B. Durga Prasad, Assistant Engineer (Retd.) was expired on 04.08.2020 due to Covid-19 and furnished copy of medical certificate of cause of death for taking further action in the matter.

7. Government have examined the matter and observe that in the above two works, there is no financial loss and as such to abate further action against the deceased in all respects.

8. Accordingly, Government hereby abate further action against Sri B. Durga Prasad, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Vig. & QC, Vijayawada (Retired & Expired on 04.08.2020) under rule 9(7) of AP Revised Pension Rules,1980, in all respects.

9. The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECREARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Copy to:-
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Accountant General, A.P, Hyderabad.
SF/SC.

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